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Courtesy: 1981 TJC Yearbook

Where is the school mascot?

How TJC became known as the Apaches

Robert Naylor
Editor-in-Chief

While in attendance at a TJC sporting event, it becomes strangely apparent that the school lacks a mascot. Why is that? The answer to that question has been the topic of debate ever since Tyler Junior College established itself as the Apaches in 1927.

"I don't think there is anything written anywhere about a mascot here at TJC," said Tim Drain, assistant vice president of athletics and student life. "I was the assistant athletic director for three years, and the athletic director for 16. So, a total athletic administration for 19 years. In those 19 years, I cannot recall a single meeting with a person saying 'I want to be the mascot, what do I have to do?'"

Alumni perhaps have had encounters with an Apache cheerleader, as highlighted in the 1981 TJC yearbook, but this tradition has long since died. While a written rule has never been established, word of mouth has long since discussed the issue.

The fear of cultural appropriation is a worry that TJC has evaded for many years. The necessity for having a mascot is also overshadowed by several organizations that exist in a mascot's stead.

"It's strange not having a mascot, but we're very blessed with the Apache Band, Apache Bells, Apache Cheerleaders," Drain said. "I'm not sure whether the market is there, and if we truly ever needed one."

While students have been seen wearing headdresses, feathers, perhaps even a full Apache garb to dress up for an event like homecoming, this is technically allowed. Although being a possible point of contention after the fact, if Student Life at TJC allows for such outfitting to occur, nothing currently exists to stop it.

"I was here from '72 to '74," said Marian Jackson, director of the Learning Resource Center. "I think it was right before or right after that was when they actually had someone with Apache heritage."

Prior to TJC becoming the Apaches, the school college nickname was unofficially known as the Buccaneers. In an excerpt from an original staff member of student media Sarah McClendon wrote about a mass meeting to change the school's symbolic name for the college in the 1928 edition of "The Alcalde."

"The champions of the Buccaneers were just as sure that their name should be selected, since it was the one used unofficially in 1927, as the supporters of Indian names were that fierce 'land-lubbers' would be more fitting than cruel 'sea-faring dogs.' Well, the Apaches finally won; and the 'bucks,' though defeated, pledged their support with loud war-whoops and the waving of tomahawks to the wildest tribe of Indians on our early frontier."

Update: Apache Spirit Room vandalized, suspect identified

Robert Naylor
Editor-in-Chief

On Oct. 21 a window in the Apache Spirit Room at the Rogers Student Center was shot at with a BB gun.

After investigation, police said a suspect was tentatively identified by nickname on Oct. 24, with his full identity confirmed on Oct. 29.

The investigation revealed the window shot out by a BB gun was broken unintentionally, according to Rebecca Sanders, director of public affairs and media relations at TJC.

Although the BB gun caused damage to tempered glass, in this circumstance campus police deemed that it could not cause harm to those on campus, which is why a campus Apache Alert notification was not sent out.

"The Apache Alert system is for incidents that are immediate or ongoing threats to campus," said Police Chief Michael Seale.

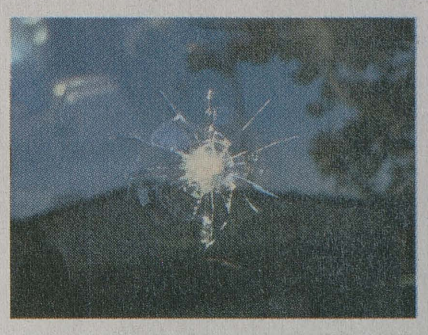
The Student Handbook and the Residential Life handbook have strict no tolerance policies in regards to a long list of weapons that are not allowed on campus. This list includes BB guns. The possession of such an item leads to immediate eviction from campus housing.

The Drumbeat was unable to confirm the student's current housing situation, as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects student disciplinary actions.

Currently, there is no evidence of the property damaged at the Spirit Room, the TJC campus vehicle and Baldwin Construction and Facilities Building being linked. At this time, only the Spirit Room was confirmed to have been damaged by a BB gun.

According to police report 20190609, which specifically covers the damaged property at the Baldwin Construction and Facilities Building, campus police was not aware of the incident until The DrumBeat requested the information. The information currently states that an unknown object struck the window at an unknown date and time.

The suspect's name has been omitted due to ethical considerations.



Photos by Robert Naylor
Property was damaged in three locations on campus. At this time, only the Spirit Room damage has been linked to a BB gun.

Baha'i faith celebrates 200th anniversary of Birth of Bab

Photos by Michael King
Erfan Vafaei emcees the Baha'i event and introduces Rev. Jesse McClendon. Three speakers representing different faiths were present.

Michael King
Staff Photographer

Dozens recently gathered to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Birth of the Bab in the Baha'i faith. The event was sponsored by TJC's Baha'i Club. Karen Anglin, the sponsor for the Baha'i club, organized the event from start to finish.

There were three guest speakers at the anniversary event with each coming from a different faith. The first speaker was Anwar Khalifa from the East Texas Islamic Society. The second was a reverend named Jesse McClendon, who represented the Baptist denomination of the Christian faith. The last speaker, Sandy Huening, was a member of the Baha'i faith.

Twice throughout the night, there were performances from the TJC Choir; once before the guest speakers and one in-between the second and third. The first performance was the song "God's Gonna Set this World on Fire" composed by Moses Hogan and performed by the Chamber Singers. The second performance was a medley of songs from different religions performed by Peace and Harmony.

"They were show stopping," Anglin said. "We all stood up after the choir, especially after they did the medley."

The Bab is a significant figure in the Baha'i Faith. According to Bahai.org, in the mid-nineteenth century, he was a young merchant in Iran with a message. His message, an announcement of the coming of a "Manifestation of God," gave hope to the people who heard it.

"The Bab kind of served in that same role like John the Baptist did, coming and saying 'OK, Bahá'u'lláh is coming, everybody look for him," Anglin said.

To learn more about the Baha'i faith, you can check out the TJC Baha'i Club, which meets from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays in the Faculty Conference Center room in the Vaughn Library.

Q & A With Apache Chief, Samuel A. Ortiz

By Viviana Faz
Social media editor

Q: Why did you want to be an Apache chief?

A: To get involved on campus and be able to make an impact on so many people's lives. Also, I want to be able to help freshmen adjust to the campus.

Q: What is your favorite memory about being an Apache Chief?

A: It was last summer when I was helping people be able to connect with one another. Helping freshmen be able to converse with one another, as well as have them reach out to me for help or advice.

Q: What does it take to be an Apache Chief?

A: I think it takes patience and determination and knowing that you have to be teachable.

Q: What made you stick out to become a returning chief?

A: I think what made me stick out was being readily open-mined. I always know I can improve, which will help me be a leader that connects with people.

Q: How will Apache Chiefs help you with your future career?

A: Chiefs has made me comfortable in front of people and has helped me to speak in general. I was a quiet person before I joined Chiefs, and it has helped me break out of my shell.

Q: How important are the Apache Chiefs to TJC?

A: We play a very important role as we are the first to face students as they come to school. We get to set the tone for the start of their college career. We essentially welcome them to the Apache family!

Q: What are you most excited about being a returning Chief?

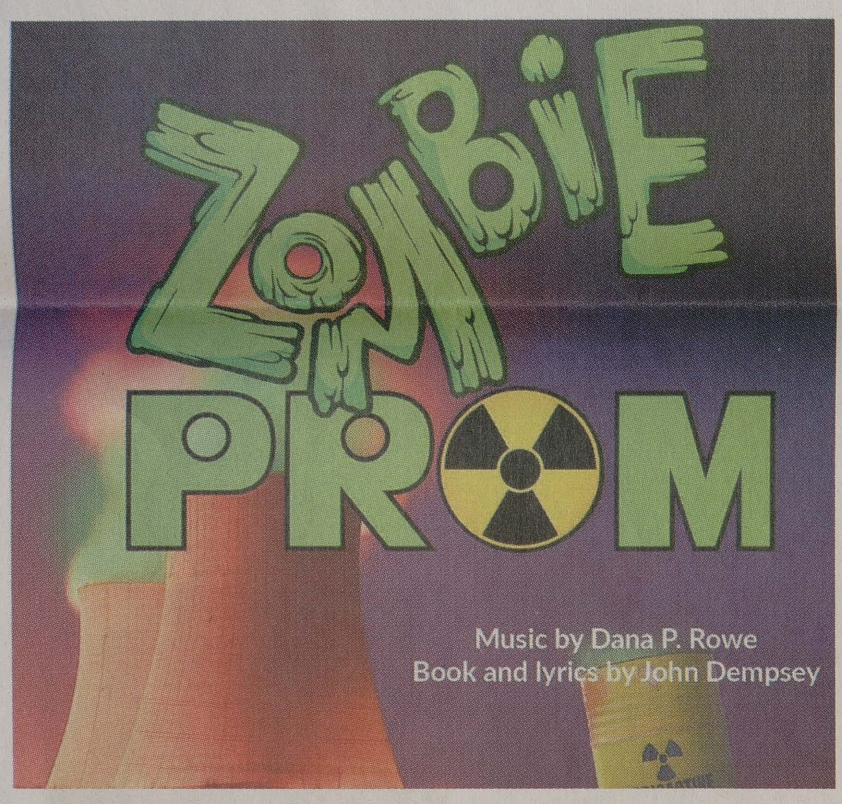
A: I'm excited about getting back to work! Getting to change lives and connect with others while working with Murphy has also impacted my own life.

Q: What do you want to be in the future?

A: I want to be a sports anchor or sports reporter!

Q: What do the Apache Chiefs do?

A: An Apache Chief deals with new student orientation and other events on campus, plus we participate in community service events. The main focus is new student orientation and getting people to adjust to the college life their freshmen year.



'Zombie Prom' mixes brains, beats

Satirical drama to hit the Jean Browne Theatre

By Michael Bald
Entertainment Editor

The Tyler Junior College theatre department is putting on the campy musical debut of "Zombie Prom."

"It is a comedic musical set in the '50s," said Jacob Davis, a professor of Theatre. "It makes fun of the time period and how people operated and is meant as a satire."

Davis said "it's a story about a teenage boy who had a break up and decides to run away. He ends up falling in a nuclear plant, turning into a zombie, and the rest of the show he's trying to make it to the prom."

Davis added there is an obvious social satire underneath the plays comedic exterior. "Art always reflects life," Davis said, "Even though we went through desegregation during that time, it's still in effect today and there are still tensions today."

Davis commented that a comedy can still make people have conversations about deep subject matter. "Even though we're having fun, it's still conversations people need to have about acceptance of other people."

As far as the making of the play, Davis said the department had fun with this one because of its light-hearted nature. "We all have fun doing what we do, even on the serious plays," said Davis, "but there was a lot less weight to it. It is not a cumbersome as far as going through rehearsals."

The theatre department will be performing the play at 7:30 Nov. 20-23 at the Jean Brown Theatre. On Nov. 23, however, they will have an additional play at 2:30. Students can bring their ID for free admission.

YOU COULD OWN A 1926 FORD MODEL T!

To commemorate his retirement from TJC, Dr. Mike & Donna Metke have generously donated their Model T. Proceeds will benefit the TJC Foundation and student scholarships.

Raffle tickets are **$20** each and can be purchased online at **TJC.edu/ModelTRaffle** or by calling **903-510-3146**.

Drawing will be held **Friday, Nov. 15, 2019**.

You do not have to be present to win. All participants must be 18 years of age or older. All federal, state and local taxes plus title and license fees must be paid by winner.

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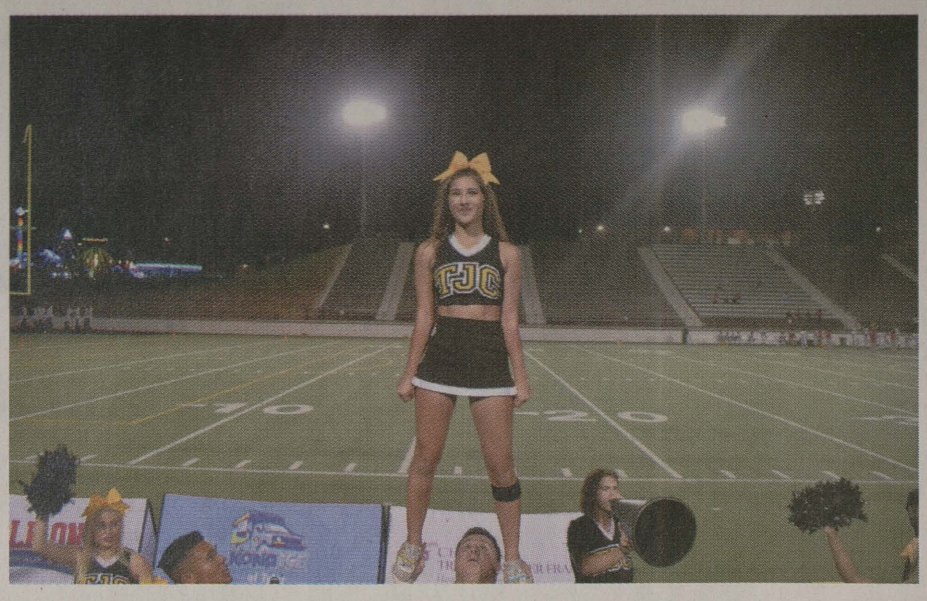

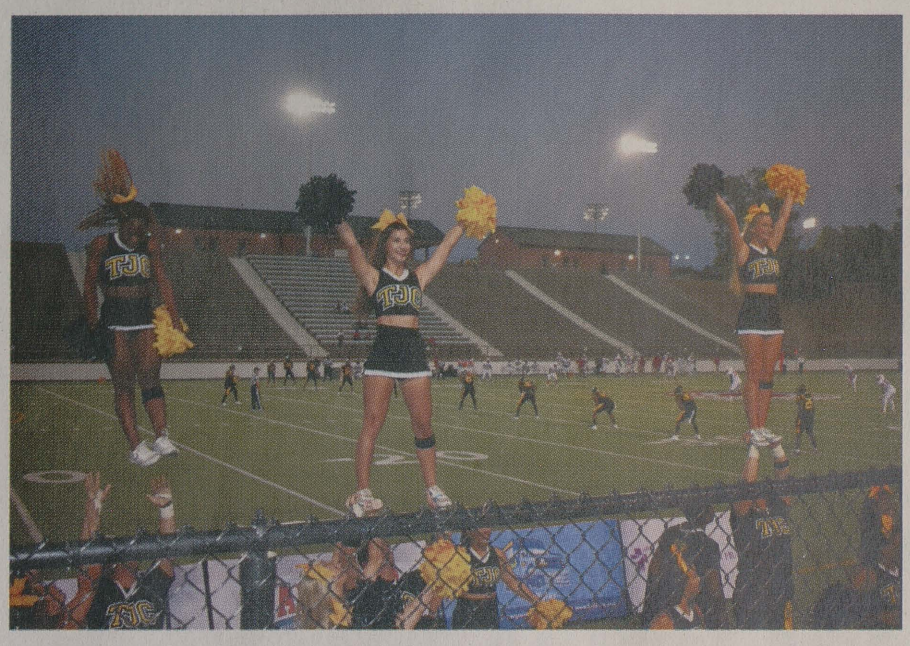

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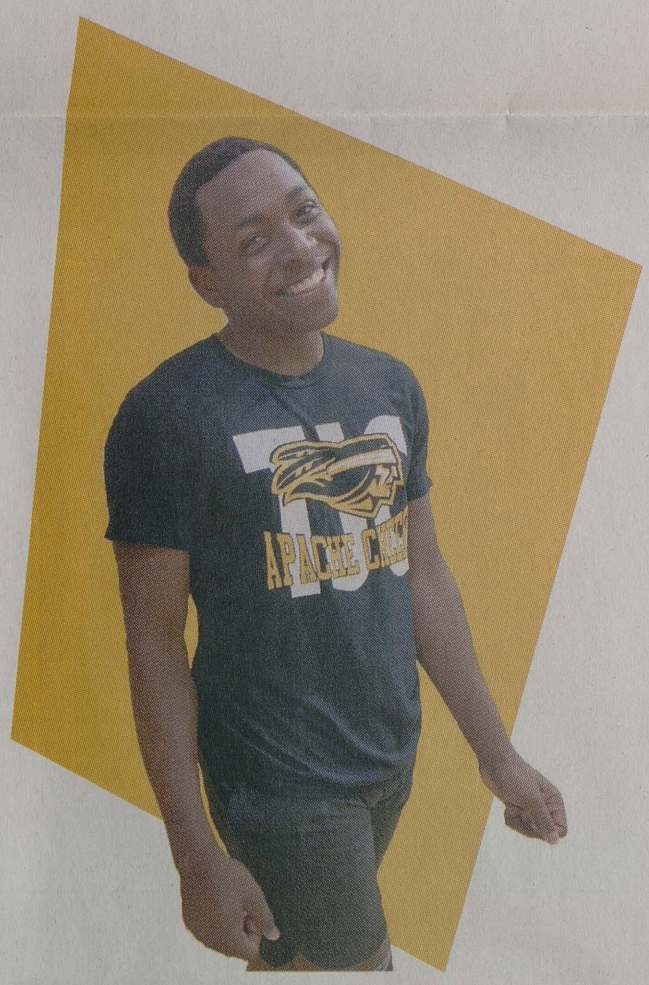
Let's go, Apaches!

Cheer squad members say what it's like on the sidelines

Stories and photos by Zhaekyra White



Michael Adams has been a cheerleader for six years starting in his 8th grade year in Jasper. In high school, his team placed 8 out of 86 in a UIL contest. He also did a lot of competitive cheer and won All American and National Cheerleaders Association Awards.

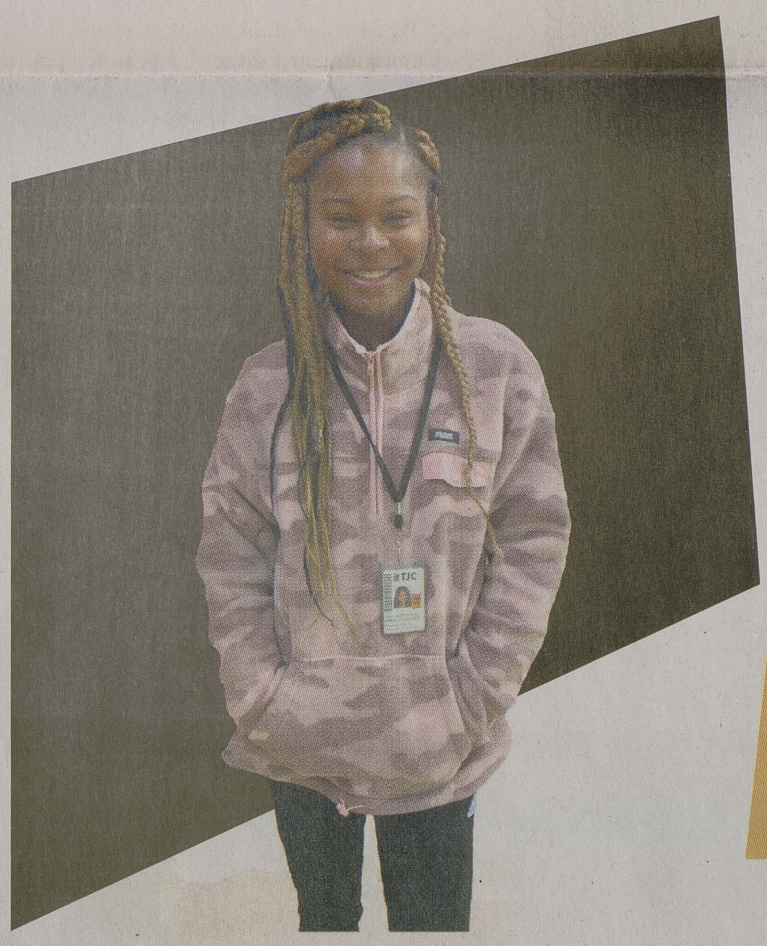
Now he is in his first year of college and is part of the cheerleading squad at Tyler Junior College. He chose to come to TJC because he thought it would be a fun experience to have with friends and also the cheer squad.

After graduating from TJC, Adams plans to attend Texas Southern University to continue his studies and obtain a degree.

"My career goals are to get my bachelor's degree in social work and then move into a bigger city to get a good job and help my family and friends," Adams said.

His greatest challenge has been managing cheer and school together, but he is working to get better at it.

Adams mentions being on the cheerleading squad has been a fun experience for him. His favorite thing about being a part of their team is being surrounded by people who he can always have fun with and learn new things with.



Kailani Stevenson is a first-time cheerleader this year, and she said she is very excited for what is to come as the year goes on.

"Cheer is hard work. I tried out for last year's team and didn't make it, so I had to work extra hard to make it this year," Stevenson said.

She loves the fact that being on the team has given her the opportunity to have a strong bond with many people who she met this year. She knows she will always have someone to lean on.

Stevenson mentions she has a problem with her time management skills, but she working toward learning how to become more flexible with time.

Stevenson is from Tyler and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. She decided continuing her education at TJC was best for her because she is shy and wanted to be around people she already knows.

She has big plans for herself after she graduates from TJC.

"I plan on going to Texas Southern where I plan to cheer and get my master's in business," Stevenson said. "I plan on moving to California, where I'm soon to start my own cosmetic line."

Lauren Martin is from Mansfield, where she began cheering at 7 years old. She was captain of her team at Lake Ridge High School, and she was nominated for All American every year.

Before she started college, she knew she wanted to continue cheering, but she didn't know what school she would attend. She visited TJC while hunting for the right school and instantly knew TJC was for her when stepping into the clinic. She said she loved the people she was surrounded by and she wanted to be a part a good nursing program.

After graduating from TJC, Martin wants to get a bachelor's degree in nursing to become a pediatric nurse.

Martin talks about how her experience being a cheerleader at TJC has helped her realize how much they help each other as a team and how close they have become.

"It's a lot of hard work, but we all motivate each other to keep going. We've built a really good bond, so it helps us not only want to do it for ourselves, but for the team," Martin said.

Her favorite thing about her team is that they are like a family. They all have become close and they can talk to each other about anything.

Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center changes pool policies

By Travanta LeFlore
Contributing Writer

Two policy changes have led to an increase in students attending events at the pool in the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center.

Last year, the swim cap policy stated anyone who had hair that was longer than the length below one's ear lobes had to wear a swim cap.

"It was just for cleaning purposes as far as the hair and the filter and everything," said Lindsay Beck, aquatics coordinator for the OHPE Center. "We changed the policy because nobody wanted to come to the pool so now they don't have to wear a swim cap at all."

Ever since the new policy was implemented, the OHPE Center has been getting a lot of more students to come swim.

"Kids are happier because they don't have to wear a swim cap during the swim lessons," Beck said.

Wearing a swim cap can be uncomfortable.

"If you have long hair, it pulls on your hair, and then if the swim cap is wet before you put it on, it slips off while your swimming. It was just a really inconvenient situation, so we're happy that it's gone," Lily West, lifeguard for OHPE Pool, said. "Honestly, it's a personal preference, if it doesn't bother you it shouldn't affect anybody else. I've been a competitive swimmer my whole life, and I have long hair, so I need a cap."

Additionally, the swimsuit policy has changed.

"We do not make you wear one pieces anymore," Beck said. "They can wear bikinis. We just ask that they are not string or thong bikinis."

Males can now swim with a shirt on if they decide to. Also, males can wear any type of swim shorts.

Since implementing the new policy more there has been an increase in student attendance. The OHPE Center hosts events for students, such as log rolling, student recreation swimming and lap swim.

Photo by Travanta LeFlore
Two policy changes have led to an increase in students attending events at the pool in the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center.

The OHPE recreation swimming is open from 6:30 - 7:50 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Following that, there's lap swim 6-7:50 a.m. as well as 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon to 2 p.m. Saturday; and 1- 2:30 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Sundays.

TJC to host first Recycle Fest Nov. 14

Student organization promotes sustainability efforts on campus

Photo by Viviana Faz
Megan Oswald put in her own recyclable in the right bin.

By McKenna Mirsky
Contributing Writer

Keep TJC Beautiful will host "Recycle Fest" from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Quad, which is located between the Vaughn Library and Jenkins Building.

The event will have a special guest David Wallace, who is an artist who makes all his pieces out of trash and recyclable items. The event will also have trivia games that bring awareness to recycling and offer attendees a reusable water bottle and straw.

Keep TJC Beautiful focuses on making the campus a clean and sustainable place. The organization hosts recycling events from 2 to 4 p.m. every other Thursday at the Student-Residential parking lot 6, which is located between Hudnall Hall and the Baldwin Facilities and Construction Building.

Keep TJC Beautiful accepts various recyclable items including plastics, paper, cardboard and newspapers and magazines. The plastic items must be completely empty or lightly rinsed before disposing and any caps must be removed. The only plastics accepted are Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE) and High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE). These symbols can be found on the labels of the product. Recyclable types of paper include scrap paper, printer paper, junk mail and shredded paper. However, if the paper being disposed of contains sensitive information, it must be shredded before it's recycled. Any forms of cardboard can be recycled as well as all types of newspapers and magazines. However, plastic bags and glass items are not accepted.

The Chairperson of Keep TJC Beautiful Megan Oswald wants "to keep TJC as beautiful as possible." Oswald said the organization accomplishes this through environmental sustainability acts, recycling and attempting to make the campus an overall clean place.

"It's our campus," Oswald said. "We should be proud of where we stay and so if we just have a dirty campus with trash laying around that isn't something to be proud of."

Oswald explains why she desires to encourage students to recycle.

"It's our future," Oswald said. "We're going to be the ones who are going to have to eventually pick up all the trash. It's either picking up the trash now or living with it later. If we're able to go and pick up the trash, pick up the recyclables and have that impact, then it's something to be proud of."

Oswald is concerned with how people's actions are impacting not just the campus, but also the world.

"We're killing animals. We're polluting the oceans. We're polluting everything," Oswald said. "Our whole future is based on it."

A participating member of Keep TJC Beautiful Samuel Ortiz wants to spread awareness about the impact people have on the environment.

"I would tell them about our future, where we're going and how we don't want to keep going the way we're going," Ortiz said. "We want to start recycling and helping not just our school TJC, but the Earth."

Not only does Ortiz desire students to be informed about recycling, but have active participants join Keep TJC Beautiful.

"I want more awareness and maybe more people to join and help our cause," Ortiz said. "I just want more people aware of what's going on."

Oswald describes what she enjoys most about being involved in Keep TJC Beautiful, which is "having a place or like a title where you're able to impact others."

She also enjoys using her leadership position to bring awareness about the importance of recycling.

What does TJC recycle?

Plastic

No. 1 and No. 2 plastics only!

- Symbols can be found on the bottom on container.
- Completely empty or lightly rinse before disposing
- No caps

Paper

-Scrap paper, printer paper and junk mail

- Shredded paper
- Shred all documents with sensitive information

Cardboard

- Any kind of cardboard or paper board
- Boxes, food boxes, paper boxes, paper bags etc.
- No food-covered items

Newspapers Magazines

- Newspaper
- Magazines and magazine stock paper
- All things paper

No Glass! No Plastic Bags!

Residence hall security measures work to keep students safe on campus

By Lexi Simmons
Contributing Writer

Tyler Junior College claims to be a campus where students, staff and faculty alike can be safe from the threat of crime. Those who live on campus might be concerned about the protection of their belongings as well as themselves. More than 1,200 students live in one of the eight TJC residence halls. Certain measures are in place to ensure those who live in TJC's housing are free from the threat of crime.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority," said Diana Karol, director of housing at TJC.

All residence halls on campus are routinely patrolled by campus police 24-hours a day to ensure no criminal activity transpires.

Campus police also offer evening/night escort services for students who may be walking to and from their car or from late classes back to their dorm. This service is free and can be requested by calling the police department.

"We have human resources, as well as electronic," Karol said.

The exterior doors to the residence halls are locked 24/7 with alarm systems. Video surveillance cameras are in public areas, residence halls and across campus. All dorm visitors must sign in via computer, and key activity is recorded and can be pulled in order to see when a student enters and leaves their dorm.

Students will not share housing with a convicted criminal. According to the TJC Residential Life and Housing Department, some convictions may be used to decline a housing application and/or contract. These guidelines have been in effect since 2013. Misdemeanor convictions, such as any form of assault, involvement of narcotics/illegal drugs, and theft. All felony convictions will disqualify a housing applicant. The TJC Residential Life and Housing Department also reserves the right to disapprove an applicant if it determines that such conviction is a threat, regardless of when the crime was committed and if it was listed.

"Most of all, we depend upon our residents," Karol said. "We depend upon the community."

Residents can report crime or suspicious activity to campus police in order to ensure a safer environment for them and their classmates. Keeping the campus free of crime is a collective effort done by students, staff and police.

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Disney enters digital world with streaming service

By Michael Bald
Entertainment Editor

With streaming services dominating the television market and Disney dominating the box office, it's no surprise that Disney's entertainment empire is starting a streaming service of its own: "Disney+."

Disney+ is a new streaming platform that will allow the user to watch any form of entertainment Disney related, whether it be Pixar, Marvel, "Star Wars" or other affiliates. Subscribers will also be able to stream episodes of TV shows that are Disney produced. So for those who grew up in the early 2000s watching animated or live-action TV shows by Disney, there will soon be an easy way to binge-watch childhood favorites.

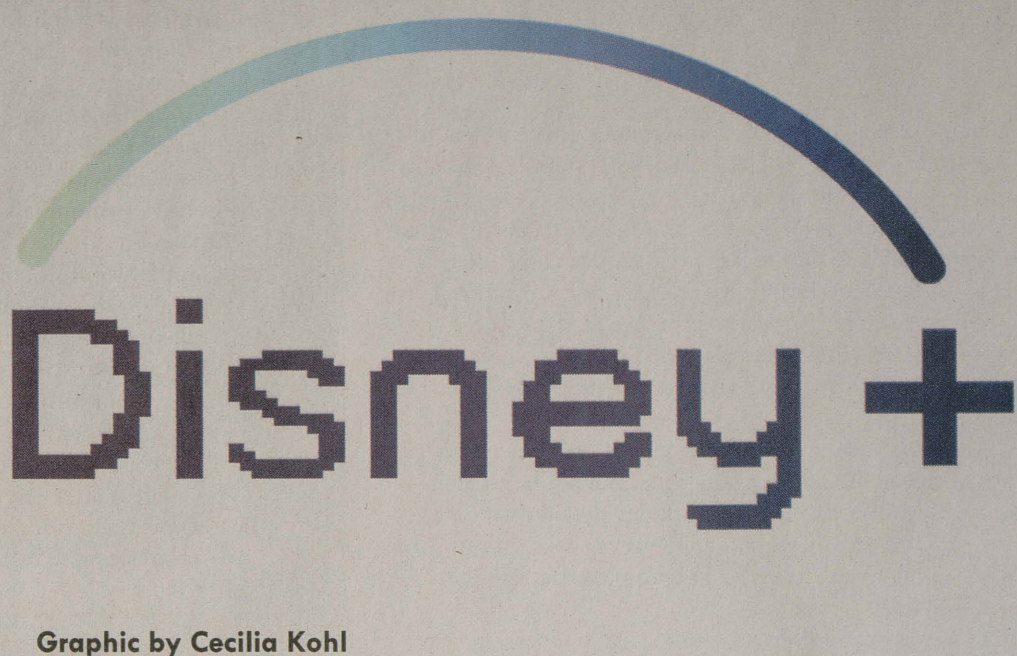
There are not just movies and TV shows from Disney's past, but also there will be Disney+ Originals, which will feature TV shows and movie spin-offs from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and "Star Wars."

Marvel currently has five shows in development: a spin-off series of the character Loki and two spin-off pairings of "WandaVision" and "The Falcon and Winter Soldier." "WandaVision" has been speculated to take place before the events of "Avengers: Infinity War," and "The Falcon and Winter Soldier" is speculated to take place after the events of "Avengers: Endgame." There are two other shows that they have kept under wraps from the public called: "What If..." and "Hero Project."

"Star Wars" is bringing two shows to the platform, including a final season for "The Clone Wars" animated show and a new show called "The Mandalorian." Two trailers have been released for "The Mandalorian" and it appears this show is set after the events of "Return of the Jedi." Based on the trailers, it appears to go for a darker tone than the original films. It is said to be primarily focused on the underworld of smuggling and bounty hunting in the "Star Wars" universe.

Marvel and "Star Wars" aren't the only platforms taking the streaming service. Disney is also developing a new animated series and educational documentaries. "The World According to Jeff Goldblum," is one of the educational programs, which will follow Goldblum and his adventures through different cultures and technologies being developed.

Disney+ will be available Nov. 12. The service costs $6.99 a month or a yearly payment of $69.99. For those major Marvel, "Star Wars" or Disney fans in general, this new streaming service might be something to look into.



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Review: Newest 'Rise of Skywalker' trailer falls short of expectations

By Zac Brooks
Photo Editor

The latest trailer for the third installment of the sequel trilogy, "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," dropped and it wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be. First, I have absolutely no idea what direction Disney is taking "Star Wars" after one of the, if not the worst, "Star Wars" movies to date, "The Last Jedi."

In 2015, it was announced that "Star Wars" was going to continue after 10 years. To make it even more exciting, it was continuing where "Return of the Jedi" ended. We were finally going to get a sequel to one of the most successful franchises to date.

The first movie in the sequel trilogy, "The Force Awakens," wasn't bad. It was actually pretty good. It left things unanswered and made it seem like there could be a continuation. It brought up questions, such as "Who is Snoke? Who is this new Jedi named Rey? Who are Rey's parents? Who in the world were the Knights of Ren?" I could go on and on with questions I had.

I was so excited after watching "The Force Awakens" for the next movie in the saga; however, I was sad when I had to wait two years for the next movie.

I heard Ryan Johnson was directing "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" instead of J.J. Abrams

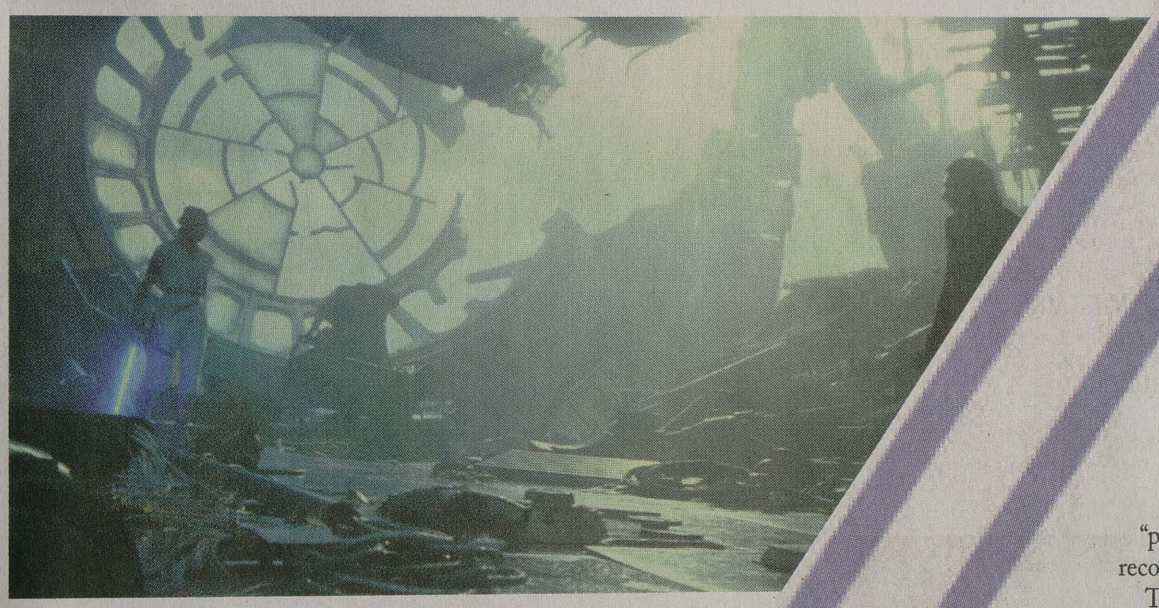
It didn't matter too much to me at the time. After I watched "The Last Jedi," I was thoroughly disappointed. It didn't really answer any of the questions that episode seven ended on. It felt like it was just the end of the saga.

One thing I'm looking forward to in "The Rise of Skywalker" is how the Jedi books from the tree on the island that Luke was on are going to be implemented into the plot. If you re-watch "The Last Jedi," you can see in one small scene that Rey had taken the books and put them on the Falcon near the ending.

When I heard J.J. Abrams was directing "The Rise of Skywalker," I was happy, but I felt bad for him. Everything he was setting up was ruined by "The Last Jedi." I am interested in how Abrams will end the Skywalker saga. I am looking forward to this movie because it's wrapping up a piece of my childhood.

Based on the trailer, I believe there will be call backs to every "Star Wars" movie that has come out in the past. I believe this because in the scene with C-3P0 where it looks like he's getting his memory erased, you can see a B1 battle-droid hanging in the background. Then other obvious ones where the emperor is talking and even the spikey throne we see is from the original concept art for "Return of the Jedi" by Ralph McQuarrie.

Overall, I'm looking forward to seeing the ending of the Skywalker trilogy even if the trailer didn't meet my expectations.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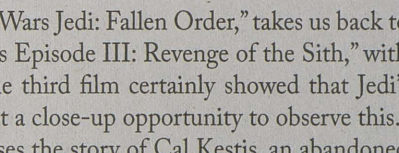

Review: 'Star Wars' to unravel new video game

By Robert Naylor
Editor-in-Chief

While the "Star Wars" saga is currently in full swing promoting a battle between the New Order and the remnants of the rebellion, Respawn Entertainment is focusing on a more interesting point of the "Star Wars" timeline.

The upcoming video game "Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order," takes us back to the events following the film "Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith," with a cool new twist. While the events of the third film certainly showed that Jedi's were being hunted down, we never really got a close-up opportunity to observe this.

That is, until now. "Fallen Order" showcases the story of Cal Kestis, an abandoned "padawan" who was forced into hiding. With his training incomplete, Kestis quickly recognized the opportunity to remain hidden from the encroaching empire.

The plot of the game is quite simple. You play as Cal Kestis, and learn that he has successfully blended in and escaped assassination. That is, until he is ultimately faced with a decision: let his friend die, or sue the force to save him. Kestis chooses the latter.

Making the morally correct choice to save his friend has caused the once undercover Jedi to start running for his life. This is where we take over. Although limited at first, mostly because Kestis never completed his training, we must attempt to navigate past the Empire's pursuit, all the while growing in power.

While many "Star Wars" fans are worried the game is being pushed out by Electronic Arts, the company that has notoriously used "Star Wars" titles as cash grabs, some rest in the promise that it has ultimately been produced by the Respawn Entertainment gaming studio.

Respawn Entertainment promises to be a trustworthy gaming studio, resting on gaming titles, such as "Titanfall" and "Apex Legends," but "Star Wars Jedi: Fallen Order" is a completely different beast. While their previous projects enjoy fluid first-person multiplayer shooter functionality, Respawn Entertainment into the third-person Jedi perspective.

While strangely similar to the events in past games, such as "Star Wars: The Force Unleashed," at least this game allows players to take the role of the "good guy." The game has already revealed it does not contain a multiplayer feature, so be smart with your money. Do a little bit of research before fully investing $60 into a game that may or may not take you a few hours to complete.

The game is set to be released Nov. 15 and should be an interesting addition to the limited "Star Wars" video games that have been released since Lucas Arts relinquished their distribution rights to Disney.

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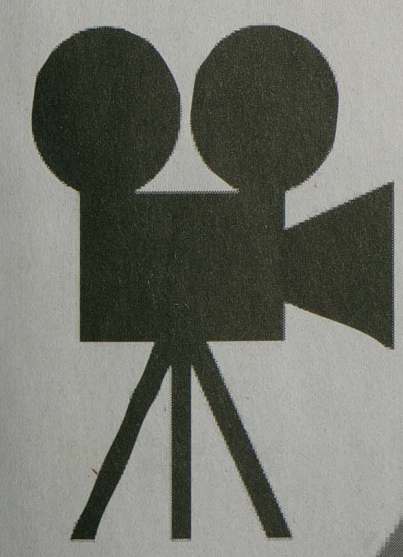
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Make homecoming fair for everyone

Staff Editorial

Homecoming is one of the most memorable events that takes place during the fall semester at TJC. With organizations competing with one another for the infamous "Apache Spirit Award," we take a look at the process to establish whether changes could be made to improve the event in the future.

To start, let's break down the process that goes into deeming a winner for TJC's Apache Spirit Award. There are a total of five competitions: sidewalk chalk, office decoration, float competition, supply drive and the age-old tradition of the drum beat.

Alongside these competitions are the accompanying homecoming elections. Each organization that submits a candidate will receive 50 points. Every nominee who makes it to the top five earns an additional 50 points. Lastly, the winning homecoming king and queen earn an additional 50 points in total.

Each competition this year had a different scoring system in regards to participation. For example, participants in the sidewalk chalk competition received 50 points. Office decorations earned 100 points in regards to participation. Finally, the float competition earned each organization 150 points in participation.

Each of these events had the same point reward system for first, second and third place. First received 100 points, second received 75 points, and third earned 50 points.

The supply drive is where future changes may likely occur. As of this year, each item/package submitted during the supply drive would merit a single point. How does this create issues? Some organizations on campus have less students enrolled than the larger organizations. Consequently, some organizations have larger rosters, allowing for the pooling of supplies for the supply drive. More people means more donations. This creates an imbalance in the point system.

How could this be fixed? It would be better to ask the math department for a mathematical solution, but it would regard proportionality. Let's say organization A has 10 members and organization B has 100 students. An equation would have to be created to ensure that organization A would have to submit a certain amount of goods to match up to organization B's larger pool of contributions. Additionally, a scoring system similar to the previous events could be instituted to create a fair playing ground. Each organization gets points for participating, but only first, second and third would get additional points.

The last event that should be covered is the drum beat. An organization gets 10 points per hour and can score double points from the hours of 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. Out of all the week's events, this is the most time consuming. Again, organizations that have more people will be able to fill the most time slots. Similarly to the proposal for the supply drive, an amendment should be made regarding the point system for this event to consider smaller organizations.

Turning to the homecoming election process, some disagreements occurred regarding the campaigning process. Accusations were made regarding some participants campaigning prior to the allowed starting date. This time frame should be entirely abandoned. For a college campus that has 12,000 students, not everyone is aware of when homecoming week starts. If individuals who are campaigning can make students aware weeks prior to homecoming, would it not instill more school pride?

Homecoming this year was fantastic. Those involved in both participation and coordination ensured that everyone retained a sense of school pride. For the 2019 year, homecoming is over. As a school seeking to make its students feel the most at home, perhaps changes can be made so that the homecoming competitions throughout the week will become more competitive and fair.

Column: 'Mayans M.C.' a must watch; educates on culture

By Emily Niebuhr
Staff Writer

When it comes to a TV show, do you like drama, intensity, crime, a little bit of comedy? If you answered, "Yes" to any of these, then "Mayans M.C." would be right for you.

"Mayans M.C." is about family; the trust, betrayal and love they have for each other (and extra points for the good-looking guys in it). Now if you don't know what show I'm talking about, it takes place two and half years after the "Sons of Anarchy" series finale, but when you watch it you can tell things are different from the two shows. "We wanted to create our own little world," said Elgin James, executive producer of the show "Mayans M.C."

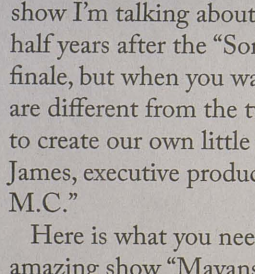
Here is what you need to know about the amazing show "Mayans M.C.," so you can enjoy watching it like I do. Trying to not give away any spoilers from the show, I'm going to tell you the back story and about the characters I love. According to IMDB, Mayans is set in a post-Jax Teller world (Charlie Hunnam). Ezekiel, who goes by "EZ" Reyes (JD Pardo) is the prospect of the Mayans M.C. charter on the California/Mexico border. They call EZ the "golden boy" with an American plan in his grip. He's trying to harmonize with his big brother "Angel" (Clayton Cardenas), while looking for honesty in what really happened with his mother's death. For now, their father "Felipe" (Edward James Olmos) is contending to guide his sons down a decent path.

One of the things I love about the show is the strong female characters who are bosses. Sarah Bolger, who plays "Emily" the wife of a drug lord cartel "Miguel Galindo" (Danny Pino), is phenomenal playing the role, and you can see the unbelievable things she does for her family. The actress, Carla Baratta, plays "Adelita," a rebel for the poor who's against the Mexican government. She is amazing at playing the character. Emily and Adelita are bad***, smart, caring, and will do anything to get what they want. The motherly "Dita Galindo" (Ada Maris), the mother of Miguel, does the role very well. As you watch, there are several deep, dark secrets she has kept. I can tell you there are many scenes where the acting is so fantastic that the actors/actresses deserve an Oscar for their performances! The show will pull you in with the acting, the characters, suspense and intensity of the episodes.

What I love about the Mayans is it shows what goes on beyond the border, and begins to change your mindset about the Hispanic culture on both sides of the border. It shows tunnels underneath the "wall" and how folks get from California to Mexico, which is a big part of the Mayans' lifestyle. I love how they do anything for their families or each other, because family is everything to me. It makes you appreciate the Hispanic culture and have some understanding of what it is all about.

When it comes down to it, we need to respect and love each other despite the different world we live in. We all have the same blood running in our veins, so think before you say something about someone.

Column: Building a résumé for your future; age does not matter



By Taylor Tibak
Contributing Writer

As a college student, it is easy to forget about how crucial it is to gain experience and connections while earning your degree. Once graduation comes around and you start looking for a job in the "real world" it can be difficult to find an employer who will hire you if all you have is a degree. They want to see you were involved with internships and were gaining experience. It is also important to not be afraid to reach out to those who are already working in the career field you want to be in.

In my own experience, those things have benefited me. This past summer, I had an internship with a minor league baseball team and spent six months gaining experience in the sports world. It was a great way to get my feet wet. I was 18 years old, and I worked alongside students who were way into their college degrees while I had just graduated high school.

Since I was determined to start building my résumé, I am now further along than any of my coworkers were when they were my age.

After the season was over, I had gained numerous connections and references through the internship. I also started reaching out to people who are working in my career field via Instagram. One connection I made was with Jane Slater, an NFL reporter. She gave me her phone number, and we chatted over the phone while she gave me great advice and offered to be a reference for me.

Once I moved to Texas, I went to one of her live shows in Dallas and was able to meet her. She was appreciative of my assertiveness and said because of it she would not forget my name.

If you are thinking about putting yourself out there and applying for internships, searching job shadow opportunities, or considering reaching out to experienced people in your field, I would highly recommend going for it.

Do not be afraid or nervous about what people might think. Employers want to hire people who are assertive and driven.

A Letter to the Editor: No chance to 'Speak Up'

Drumbeat,

When I first came to Tyler Junior College, I was so excited about Student Senate. I thought it would be a place where students could really make a difference on campus and had a voice of their own. However, the more I try to get involved in the Student Senate process and make change happen, the more I feel like students are being censored instead of heard.

At the Student Senate meeting on Oct. 29, the executive board made the decision to remove Student Speak from the orders of the day. I feel like this is a clear statement of how much the Student Senate leadership and Lauren Tyler care about students' voices. Actions speak louder than words. They took out the only part of Student Senate that actually gives students a voice, but they still claim to serve the students. Hopefully more students will speak up and realize that censoring our voices is never OK.

Kyleigh Moody

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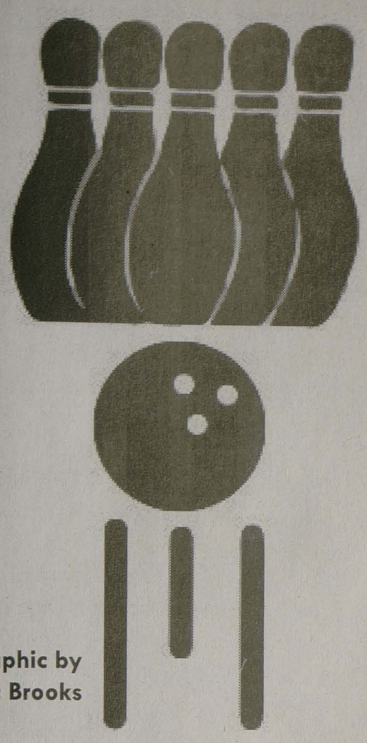

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Intramural sports offers school and sport balance

By Taylor Tibak
Contributing Writer

Intramural sports at Tyler Junior College is a way for students to get involved, meet other students and stay active.

"The goal is to improve participation numbers by offering numerous amounts of sports and activities for TJC students," Derek Talcott, director of intramural sports, said.

While in college, most students have other responsibilities, such as work and keeping up with their studies. This can make it difficult for students to incorporate sports into their schedules.

"If students aren't able to commit to playing a TJC varsity sport then intramurals is less time consuming," Talcott said.

For those who wish to participate is an extracurricular activity without sacrificing hours at work or study time, intramural sports is a way for students to balance it all. The teams meet for games around two days a week between Monday and Thursday, and seasons range from two to six weeks. There are three divisions: women, men and coed. Individual and team sports are available.

Soccer, flag football, indoor volleyball, racquetball, table tennis and bowling are just a few sports available. All TJC students are welcome to play. Registration can be completed online at IMleauges.com. Visit the second floor of the OHPE building for more information.

Sports include:

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PINNACLE COLLEGE MEDIA AWARDS

DrumBeat student media wins two national awards for TV station, website

Staff Reports

The DrumBeat won two awards at the annual National College Media Convention with College Media Association and Associated Collegiate Press.

The DrumBeat was recognized Nov. 3 and received second place Two-Year TV Station of the Year and honorable mention Two-Year Website of the Year.

"Student media is taken seriously at Tyler Junior College," said mass communications professor and DrumBeat adviser, Rachel Jennische. "The students are constantly striving to serve TJC students, and it is a joy to see them recognized for their hard work."

Judges look for excellence in coverage, content, reporting, production quality, multimedia integration, writing, editing and service to the campus community.

"Directing the DrumBeat broadcast provided hands-on learning," said former DrumBeat TV news director Quentin Smith. "Leading my peers through a bi-weekly show was a humbling experience that really stretched my skills as a manager. I am so grateful that our show was recognized on the national level."

These awards honor all DrumBeat students who worked on broadcast and web for the 2018-19 school year.

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Study abroad in Costa Rica

Scholarships available for travel

By Michael Bald
Entertainment Editor

The Tyler Junior College Travel Studies Program is giving students the chance to take an early summer trip to Costa Rica.

John Hays, a professor of Spanish/department chair, said "it's a great opportunity for real-world experience and experiencing different cultures than your own."

The trip will include sightseeing, shopping, different cuisines and more. There is also a chance for a student to apply for a partial scholarship of $1,000.

The submission deadline is Jan. 31, 2020. It will be a selective trip so students will be chosen by a committee and notified by Feb. 6, 2020.

It is a 10-day trip starting May 11 all the way till May 20. The cost of the trip is $2,300 per person, based on double occupancy.

The first deposit is $100 and will be due Nov. 26, 2019, this will not be refundable. The second deposit is $1,000 and is due by Jan. 31, 2020. The final/full payment will be due Feb. 11, 2020.

For more information about the trip to Costa Rica, visit tjc.edu/costarica.

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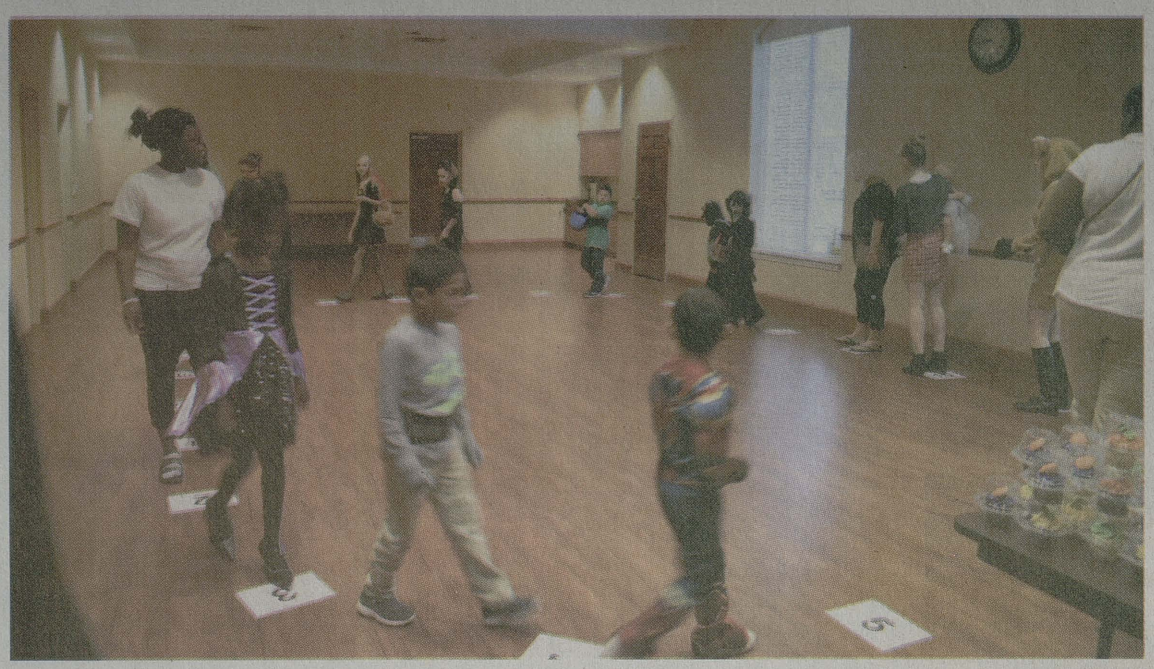

People participate in the cake walk during the Fall Festival at Ornelas Hall on Oct. 26. Music was played as people walked in a circle. When the music stopped, a number was called and the person standing on that number won baked goods.

Apache Belles dressed up as the Spice Girls. Pictured are: Breanna Yocum, Madison Smith, Ashley Howell, Addie Howard and Autumn Cox.

Haunted house employees set up for scaring people. Community members and students went through the haunted house on campus.

Event brings campus, community together for Halloween

Story and photos by Cassidy Winborn
Staff Photographer

Costumes, candy and a haunted house transformed Ornelas Hall in to a festive atmosphere for the annual Fall Fest. This community and program event brought everyone together for the Halloween season.

"I thought it was a great success, everything worked well," said Diana Karol, director of residential life and housing.

With activities on all four floors, there was something for everyone. On the first floor there was a bounce house, a cotton candy and popcorn stand, the cake walk and the haunted house. The second floor had face painting. The third floor had bowling and other fun games. The Apache Belles also gave out candy trick-or-treat style on the fourth floor.

This event has been going on for about a decade and was hosted by the Residence Hall Association and Residential life and housing.

Kids bowled candy corn pins upstairs on the third floor of Ornelas Hall.

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